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September 8, 2011

Federal Elections Commission
Office of the General Counsel
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 6492

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the Affidavit of Mathew R. Old, with exhibits, and copies of the official minutes of the Erie County, Ohio, Board of Elections. These materials are submitted in response to the complaint of the Erie County, Ohio, Democratic Party. Also enclosed is a completed designation of counsel form.

Please note these materials are submitted to correct the record alleged in the Complaint in several respects. First, Mr. Old's affidavit correctly reflects the dates and advertisements published. Second, the minutes from the Board of Elections reflect that certain conversations alleged in the complaint never happened.

Despite certain inconsistencies between the record and the Complaint, a small amount of non federal funds were inadvertently used to pay for the publication of the Erie County, Ohio, Republican Slate Card for the 2010 general election. This advertisement included two candidates for federal office. The Erie County Republican Party does not believe this matter warrants further action by the FEC or the use of FEC resources.

First, the funding mistake was inadvertent. Immediate action was taken to correct the error once it came to light. Unfortunately, as Mr. Old's Affidavit indicates, for reasons beyond his control, the mistake was only corrected in one edition of the Sandusky Register and not both of the remaining editions. Second, the amount of non federal dollars used is *de minimis*. The advertisement cost only \$213.28 per day (total cost divided by number of days printed). This amounts to a total inadvertent expenditure of only \$639.84. In addition, the

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federal candidates were only two of the fifteen candidates included in the ad. The true inadvertent expense is only a fraction of the stated value of the advertisement.

The Erie County, Ohio, Republican Party requests the dismissal of this Complaint pursuant to the Preliminary Procedures for Processing Complaints. Thank you for your attention to these documents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl J. Kamm III', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carl J. Kamm III

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Norwalk seeks to regain \$1M

City looks to others for creative ways to make up lost revenue

By ANNE M. COUGHLIN
Norwalk Press-Telegraph Staff Writer

The city has already cut about a dozen services in the past year — and it's still not in the black, officials say.

So how can Norwalk make up for about \$1 million in lost income without getting anything — else — out of the taxpayers?

That's the question the city is asking.

Of the three proposals the board considered on Oct. 10, the most controversial appears to be reducing or eliminating a city "work" in Norwalk for the city.

Norwalk gives "work" to about 1,500 people — mostly in the form of "work" — for them they pay to other cities.

Reducing the work city could mean losing about \$1 million in revenue, officials say.

Another proposal is to increase the city's share of the cost of the city's police department.

That would mean the city would pay more for the police department, but it would also mean the city would get more revenue from the police department.

A third proposal is to increase the city's share of the cost of the city's fire department.

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Norwalk Mayor Sam Smith said although the city's budget is tight, officials are looking for ways to make people who work in Norwalk and live elsewhere than Norwalk pay for the city's services.

The board's committee also considered cutting back on the city's share of the cost of the city's police department, which officials said would save about \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year, based on 2001 numbers.

Mayor Smith says the city's share of the cost of the city's police department is about \$1 million.

The third proposal the board considered was to increase the city's share of the cost of the city's fire department, which officials said would save about \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year, based on 2001 numbers.

This would be the most controversial of the three proposals, says Smith.

The board is expected to vote on the proposals on Oct. 17, but it's not yet clear how much a typical homeowner will pay.

When asked to weigh in on the proposals, Smith said the city needs to look at what it's doing in the most serious, which appears to be cutting the work.

"It's not a matter of what we like or don't like, it's how much it costs to run the business," he said.

City officials plan to talk with about the options if the city can't come up with a solution by the end of the year.

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Let's get growing Plan ahead to force bright winter blooms

By GORDON JACKSON
The Columbus Dispatch

End-of-year holiday gift-giving is in full swing. If you're looking for a way to brighten your home for the winter months, forcing bulbs is a sure way to get ahead.

There may be no time to plant bulbs in the garden, but with a little planning, you can enjoy bright blooms indoors. Forcing bulbs is a sure way to get ahead.

To start the process, follow these steps: 1. Choose the right bulb. 2. Plant the bulb in a pot. 3. Water the bulb.

Next, find a container that is deep enough to hold the bulb and has drainage holes.

Fill a potting mix of equal parts peat moss and perlite and water it well.

Planting bulbs is a sure way to get ahead. Follow these steps: 1. Choose the right bulb. 2. Plant the bulb in a pot. 3. Water the bulb.

placed bulbs should grow from the soil. When planting, allow the roots to dangle through the bottom.

First, check the pot. The pot should have drainage holes in the bottom. If it doesn't, drill some holes. Then, fill the pot with potting mix.

Once you have the pot ready, it's time to plant the bulb. Place the bulb in the pot with the roots pointing down.

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Don't forget to check out this week's grocery ads

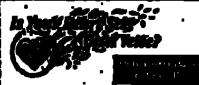


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The Erie County Courthouse is the second-most valuable building in the county, according to a recent property valuation.



Land-rich

Erie Co. property values soar since 2000

By ARDY GUTIERREZ
ardygutierrez@eriereg.com

PROGRESS VIEW
Erie County played a game of property value roulette with its parcels, as values soared from 2000 to 2007 and are projected to rise again in 2008.

The current market value for the 2007 buildings the county owns and operates is \$245 million, according to a 2008 report by Industrial Appraisals, conducted by the County Clerk's Office.

This is a 50 percent jump compared to the last time county buildings were valued at \$163 million in 2003.

Buildings weren't the only reason for the price increase.

During August 2007, the county's assessment of its own buildings and the surrounding area was added to the total value.

"It's important for us to know the total value of the state of the building in the state of Pennsylvania," said County Clerk's Office.

County's last annual assessment. Property values rose about \$114,000 a year for the county, a significant increase compared to the state's average of 1.5 percent.

Building values increased by 100 percent of their total value. For example, the county owned building at 1000 1/2 Street was valued at \$100,000 in 2003 and is now valued at \$200,000.

The 1000 1/2 Street, I think, is a good value," suggested. "It's not that far off, in my opinion, to know these things of buildings."

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